



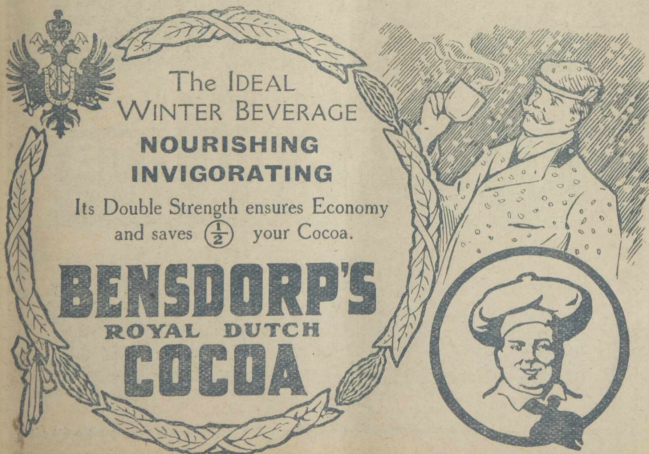
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The Football Record.

"Fair play is bonnie play."

CONCERNING THE GAME.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

By "Wideawake."

Three matches gone and only one club standing unbeaten—Essendon, the premiers of last season, and apparently the prospective premiers of 1912.

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It is very early in the campaign for all except one to suffer the bitterness of defeat. All might have been in the position of that one if—and it is a big IF—but they did not. Essendon did, and so there you have it.

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Possibly you might consider that the 'Dons were lucky to have escaped at Collingwood. If it were luck, it was the luck of the game. But if you are an Essendon barracker you will not permit the word luck houseroom in your lexicon; if, on the other hand, a Collingwood supporter, then it was all luck.

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Like the moral to the old fable, "It all depends."

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While on the subject of Collingwood, dearly beloved, let us think hard. Does it not strike you that they have been badly beaten—nay, positively walloped and out—in two out of the three?

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To begin with, they caught the Surprise Great when Melbourne walked home with the first four points of the season. Then they tightened up and raced Essendon to the standstill. Next came the Saints, and administered the father of a basting.

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In many of the business places from week to week they have a sweep, the drawer of the team kicking the greatest number of points being the winner.

The sport, who saw St. Kilda's name tagged to his own after the sweep promoter—who draws it at lunch time Fridays—had shaken the breadcrumbs from his hard hat, felt that fortune had forsaken him.

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Yet had he been at St. Kilda he would have seen that Collingwood was not in the hunt. The magpie birds were no match for the seagulls of the seaside.

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And this was not the only surprise of the day, for Richmond had to strike their colours and confess that the University boys had been regarded as too cheap a snap after the defeats by Essendon and Melbourne. The students are settling down to their stride, and they should keep going.

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Once again Geelong demonstrated the truth of the saying, "They're a hot side on their own ground, but they get cold feet away from home." Fitzroy their latest conquerors.

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South Melbourne is certainly establishing a record for missing goals. The firing against Melbourne was again very erratic. Yet South won this time; Melbourne was completely outclassed.

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The main attraction last Saturday was the set-to at East Melbourne. Essendon bewailed the absence of Baring, Pat Shea and Fred. O'Shea, but they sashayed out feeling that matters might have been worse if Cameron too were away. Somehow one of the papers had mentioned that Thomas would rove against Carlton. Essendon's supporters

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scratched their heads as they wondered who Thomas was. Their players arrived and looked out for the stranger. Their coach didn't know him, and Secretary Reid was equally ignorant as to his identity. The crowd was not long in doubt. To the delight of the populace, on consulting their "Records" they found that there was no Thomas, and that the rover was Ernie Cameron, No. 6.

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The Carlton contingent came down with something like gloomy countenances, because three of their stars were eclipsed for the day. McGregor and Barningham were known to have been injured on the previous Saturday at Fitzroy, and Billy Dick had a gravel rash on the knee, but he took no particular notice of it until Thursday, when it had become inflamed and too painful to permit him to play.

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It was a strenuous game. They went at it good and hard, dash and game-ness were shown all round, and the spectators got fair value for their money. Carlton used up their stock of energy in the third quarter, and were unable to stave off the enemy in the final term, during which the Essendon captain handled his men with great generalship.

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An opportunity presented itself at East Melbourne on Saturday for the steward to prove the wisdom of the League in appointing officers to keep down unfair rough play. But evidently neither steward nor umpire saw it. One of the players deliberately attempted to strike an opponent. The action was plainly discernible from the press box, and was commented upon. Luckily the blow did not get home; but that fact is not to be held in favour of the man who missed. He should have been shaken up by the steward.

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Of interest to-day for the purposes of comparison. The scores in the first matches of last season between the teams opposed this afternoon were:—South Melbourne 6.8, Essendon 5.11; Fitzroy 5.8, Richmond 4.12; University 10.9, St. Kilda 6.7; Geelong 7.12, Melbourne 7.12; Carlton 7.13, Collingwood 2.10.

The Young Australia League Cadets, who went to America from West Australia with Lieut. J. J. Simons in command, had a great time there and subsequently in England. While in the land of the wooden ham somebody "pinched" half their jerseys and football outfit.

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On 20th March the lads played an exhibition football match (Australian code) at Devonport. The "Western Daily Mercury" describes the game as "streaked lightning" and "a weird mixture of Rugby and Soccer," and goes on to say, "It was strange play to English eyes, but it was full of life and movement."

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They have returned to West Australia, and look all the better for their travel round the globe. It was a great trot for the youngsters, carried out ably by those who organised it, and the whole affair has been a magnificent advertisement for Australia.

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Things happened on Saturday, and on the way up from Geelong in one of the specials it was a case of "Ta-ra-boom-de-ay-hi-stop-mister!" Some cows caught it from the catcher. They strolled on the line, and the train converted them into chops and steak. For about ten minutes bits of cow were being removed from the wheels, and the general opinion was that there had been a shocking waste at this period when the cost of living was so high.

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Richmond, compared with their two excellent games against St. Kilda and South Melbourne, played lifeless football against the students. They were run to a standstill at the finish.

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Melbourne fumbled badly at South Melbourne. They crowded the ball too much, and several of the placed men were noticed lending a hand in the ruck,

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leaving the Southerners free when the play became open.

* * *

St. Kilda's combination work, their handling of the ball, marking, pace and play all round, stood out in extraordi-

hinting at "reform." As reform goes nowadays, it seems to me that half of those who raise the yell do not know what it means. It is a very poor sportsman who in a time of reverse does not remember with some sense of gratitude



Lal McLennan, Fitzroy's Brilliant Centre.

nary contrast to the fumbling and poor performance of the magpies.

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It looks now as if Collingwood will not gain a place as one of the final four. The defeat of Saturday has brought out a section of so-called supporters who are blaming the management and

the fine work done in the past by men who had brought the club up to the proud position it has held ever since its foundation. The reformer is usually (in football) one who seeks to oust another and to carry on the club in the same old way—after all, a big compliment to the man he seeks to replace.

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MATCHES AND UMPIRES.

League.

South Melbourne v. Essendon, at South Melbourne: Field, Nugent; boundary, Winslow and Stainsby; goal, Chapman and Franks; steward, Wheeler.

Richmond v. Fitzroy, at Richmond: Field, Elder; boundary, Kennedy and Green; goal, F. Lucas and Jones; steward, Hallows.

University v. St. Kilda, at M.C.G.: Field, Vernon; boundary, Ince and Doherty; goal, Devine and Collis; steward, Disher.

Geelong v. Melbourne at Geelong: Field, Norden; boundary, Sandford and Shelley; goal, J. Lucas and Buckley; steward, Myers.

Carlton v. Collingwood, at Carlton: Field, Nosedá; boundary, Roy and Davies; goal, Sigmont and Minahan; steward, Appleton.

Ballarat, Murphy and Boyle; Morwell v. Boolarra, Ayles; Newstead v. Castlemaine, Clarke; Foundry v. Maldon, Tulloch Wednesday—Bendigo, Elder and Nugent; Murchison v. Echuca, Nordern; Mooropna v. Shepparton, Nosedá; Rushworth v. Kyabram, James; Nagambie v. Tatura, Ottey.

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LEAGUE.

Club.	Won.	Los.	Drawn	Pts. Scored	Goals for	Bhds. for	Goals agst	Bhds. agst
Essendon	3	—	—	12	35	35	18	37
Carlton	2	1	—	8	24	40	17	29
Melbourne	2	1	—	8	22	26	19	30
Richmond	2	1	—	8	18	31	17	42
S. Melb.	2	1	—	8	15	46	12	22
Fitzroy	1	2	—	4	16	35	21	21
Geelong	1	2	—	4	23	28	22	41
St. Kilda	1	2	—	4	24	42	24	38
University	1	2	—	4	23	27	33	34
Collingwood	—	3	—	—	15	38	31	45

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Goals, And Who Kicked Them.

Freake, Fitz.	9	Lowe, Col.	2
Martini, Geelong	8	Marchbank, Carl. . . .	2
Brereton, Melb.	8	Stewart, Carl.	2
Sellars, St. K.	8	Gray, Uni.	1
Kirby, Es.	8	Trood, Uni.	1
Gardiner, Carl.	7	Brake, Uni.	1
Martyn, St. K.	6	Gray, Col.	1
Martin, Es.	6	Rahilly, Fitz.	1
L. Armstrong, Es.	6	H. Heron, Fitz.	1
Lane, Melb.	5	McLennan, Fitz.	1
Keggin, Rich.	5	Johnson, Fitz.	1
Shelley, Uni.	4	Robertson, Melb.	1
Cumming, Uni.	4	R. Deas, S.M.	1
Mortimer, S.M.	4	Mullaly, S.M.	1
Maguire, Rich.	4	Ricketts, S.M.	1
Green, Carl.	4	Lever, St. K.	1
Cameron, Es.	4	Thomas, St. K.	1
Little, Uni.	3	Baxter, St. K.	1
V. Jackson, Col.	3	Cumberland, St. K. . . .	1
Willis, Uni.	3	Jory, St. K.	1
Monk, Melb.	3	Hiskens, S.M.	1
Shea, Es.	3	Ohlsen, Rich.	1
Barningham, Carl.	3	Wells, Rich.	1
Charge, S.M.	3	O'Donoghue, Rich.	1
Carpenter, S.M.	3	Francis, Melb.	1
W. Eason, Geelong	3	Tomkins, Melb.	1
Morrissey, St. K.	3	Hendrie, Melb.	1
Topping, Carl.	3	Schofield, Geelong	1
Dick, Carl.	3	Slate Geelong	1
McCracken, Uni.	2	Marsham, Geelong.	1
West, Uni.	2	Holmes, Fitz.	1
Greenham, Uni.	2	Walker, Es.	1
Heaney, Rich.	2	Caine, Es.	1
Burns, Rich.	2	Ogden, Es.	1
Allen, Rich.	2	Hanley, Es.	1
Politz, Melb.	2	McLeod, Es.	1
A. Eason, Geelong	2	Swart, Es.	1
C. Armstrong, G'l'g	2	J. Jackson, Col.	1
Heinz, Geelong	2	Hughes, Col.	1
Grigg, Geelong	2	Wilkinson, Col.	1
Parratt, Fitz.	2	Minogue, Col.	1
O'Shea, Es.	2	Gilchrist, Col.	1
Wilson, Col.	2	Eicke, St. K.	1
Rowell, Col.	2	Nehill, St. K.	1

Nobody has worked harder for the Essendon club than the head trainer, Hughie Johns. The players sprang a surprise on him after the defeat of Carlton. Through the coach (Mr. J.

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Bob Rahilly followed splendidly for Fitzroy. His dashes from the ruck and general all-round work called forth enthusiastic plaudits from the spectators. If he transfers to Ballarat his loss to the maroons will be a severe one. Bam-



George Heinz, Geelong's Consistent Rover.

reserve. "See! Those five have fair hair. I wonder who they are." Instantly a bevy of dear things fluttered the pages of the "Record," and then they identified the gladiators as "9, Green; 14, McLeod; 19, White; 13, Gardiner; 12, Martin."

ford and Cooper (on the back line) played fine football, and Freake (three goals), who was as slippery as an eel, Parratt, Willoughby, Holmes and Walker (especially in the last quarter) all did their little bit towards 'Roy's victory.

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(Rover)

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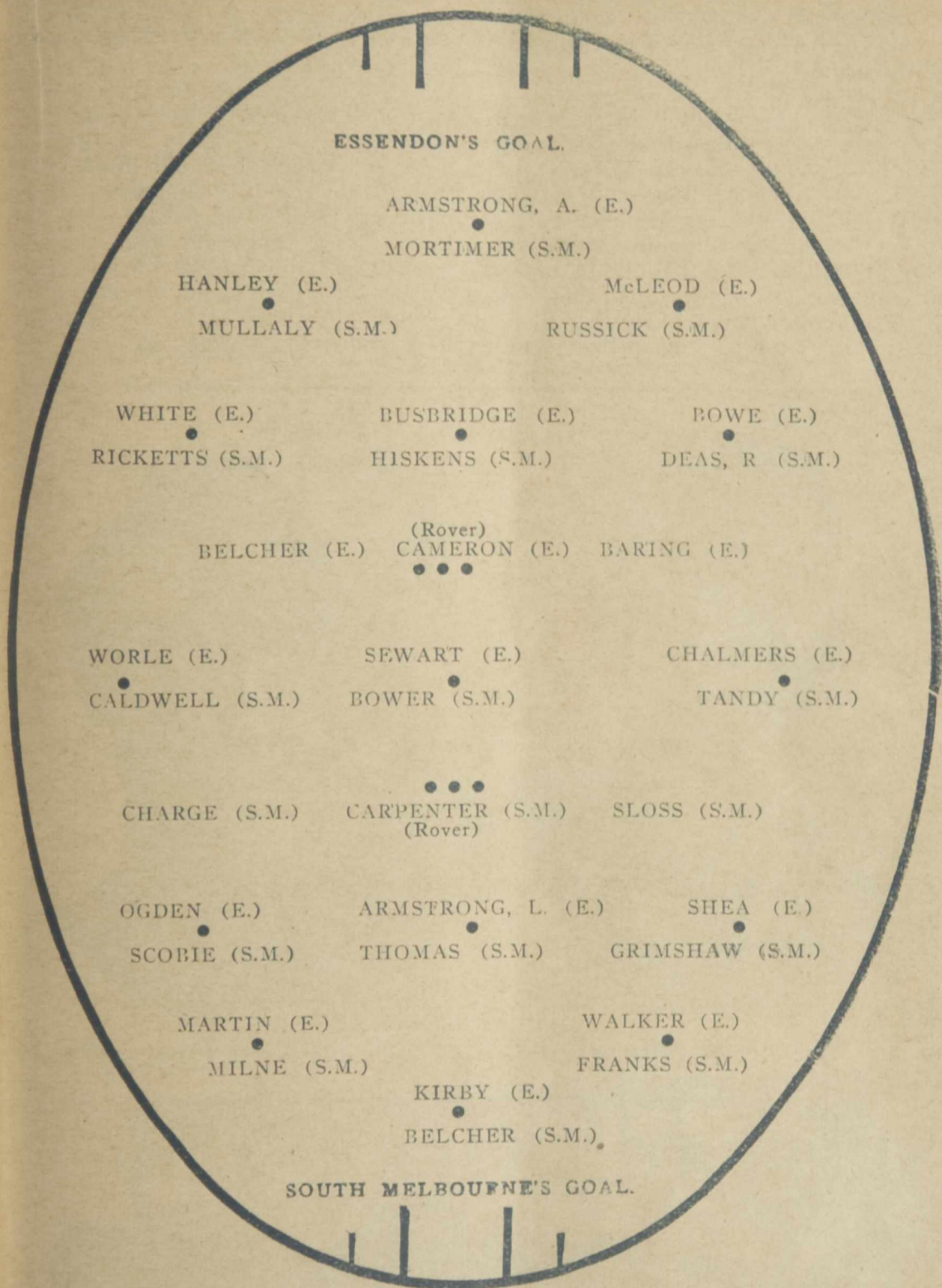
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Exit Jim Sharp. But I sincerely hope it be only for a little while. He is the type of footballer that can ill be spared. Fair and dashing, full of ability, with a due sense of the responsibilities of a footballer, indeed, a manly sportsman, is the Collingwood half-back. A cracked shinbone takes a considerable time to mend, and it is not likely that Sharp will return to the play again this season.

Haughton, Carlton's new man, wore a fancy dress ball eye shortly after the start at East Melbourne. There was a bright red patch above the left optic, as the result of a hard bump in a bit of bustling play.

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Possibly Dick Lee did not consider that the St. Kilda-Collingwood engagement was likely to prove attractive. Anyhow, the Collingwood goal champion was a spectator at the Carlton-Essendon match. Then again, perhaps, he was picking up points to be of service to-day against the dark blues.



W. Johnson (Fitzroy).



Jim Sharp, the Injured Magpie.

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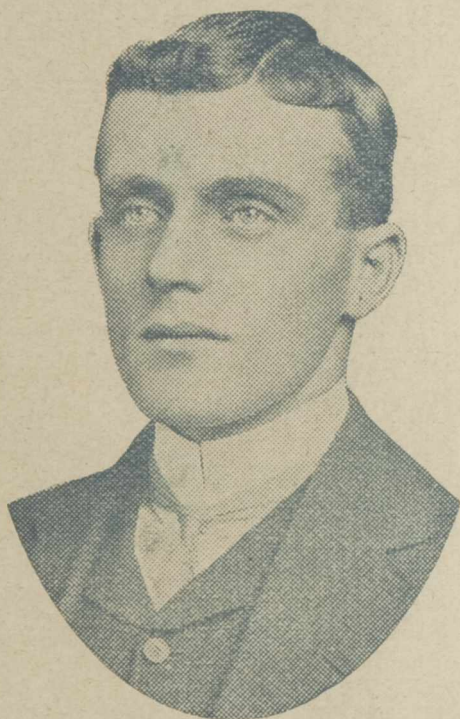
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7. BURNS, W.
8. O'DONOGHUE, A.
9. FARRELL, E.
10. BOWDEN, R.
11. REEVES, S.
12. OLIVER, L.
13. VANTRISCH, P.
14. HEANEY, T.
15. JAMES, J. H.
16. JONES, W.
17. MAGUIRE, M.
18. KEGGIN, C.
19. McCASHNEY, F.
20. ALLEN, A.
21. WELLS, C.
26. BENNIE, R.

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3. CUMMING, D. G.
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5. ELLIOTT, G. S.
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7. GRAY, J.
8. GREENHAM, D. P.
9. HARBECK, L.
10. HARTKOPF, A. E.
11. HURREY, H. G.
12. KELLY, L. H.
13. LITTLE, L. P.
14. MARTIN, S. C.
15. McCracken, R.
16. McLEOD, J. K.
17. NICHOLSON, J. D.
18. PRIMROSE, L. J.
19. SHELLEY, J. E.
20. TAYLOR, T. E.
21. TROOD, L. V.
22. WALKER, W. J.
23. WEST, J.
24. WILLIS, C. B.

FITZROY.

1. BAMFORD, F.
2. BUIST, E.
3. CAMPBELL, B.
4. COLLINS.
5. COOPER, J. (Capt.)
6. DALL, C.
7. DOWELL, C.
8. FREAK, J.
9. FURNESS, J.
10. HERON, H.
11. HERON, L.
12. HOLMES.
13. HUTTON, C.
14. JOHNSON, W.
15. LAMBERT, G.
16. LAMONT, F.
17. LENNE, H.
18. MARCHBANK, W.
19. McLENNAN, H.
20. NORRIS, C.
21. PARRATT, P.
22. RAHILLY, R.
23. SHAW, G.
24. WALKER, W.
25. WILLOUGHBY, T.
26. STROWNIX, T.

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3. JORY, P.
4. EICKE, W.
5. SELLARS, E.
6. CUMBERLAND, H. V.
7. BEST, A.
8. NEHILL, B.
9. THOMAS, A.
10. SMITH, R.
11. PLOWMAN, H.
12. PIERCE, R.
13. CAZALY, R.
14. BAIRD, D.
15. CAVE, H.
16. MARTYN, P.
17. WOODCOCK, W.
18. HANSEN, F.
19. HART, A.
20. McKENZIE, A.
21. DANGERFIELD, G.
22. PATTERSON, W.
23. TAYLOR, C.
24. WHITE, P.
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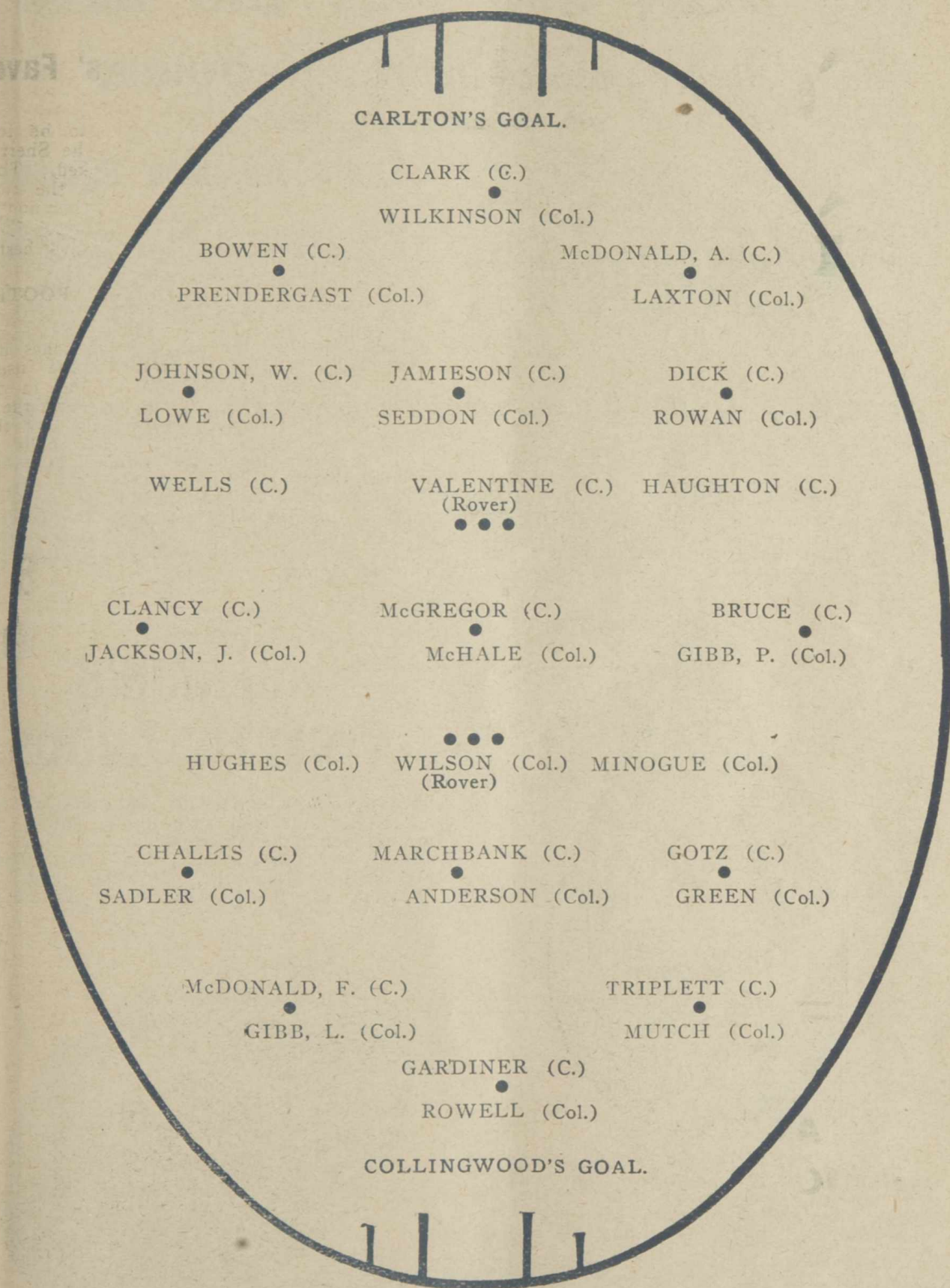
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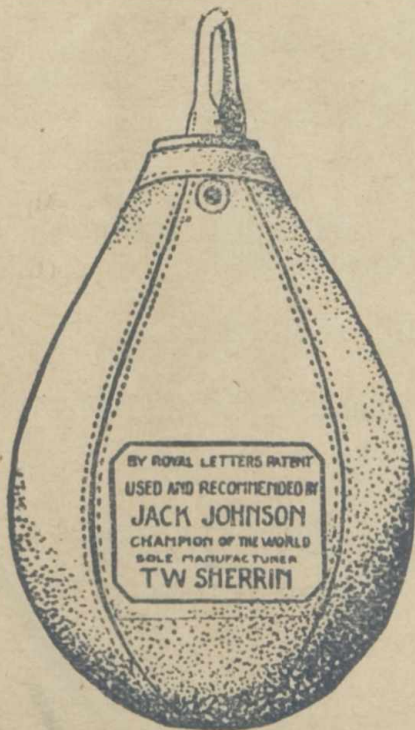
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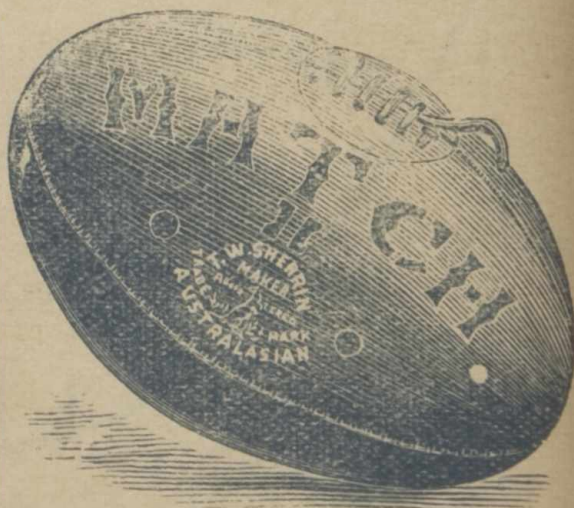
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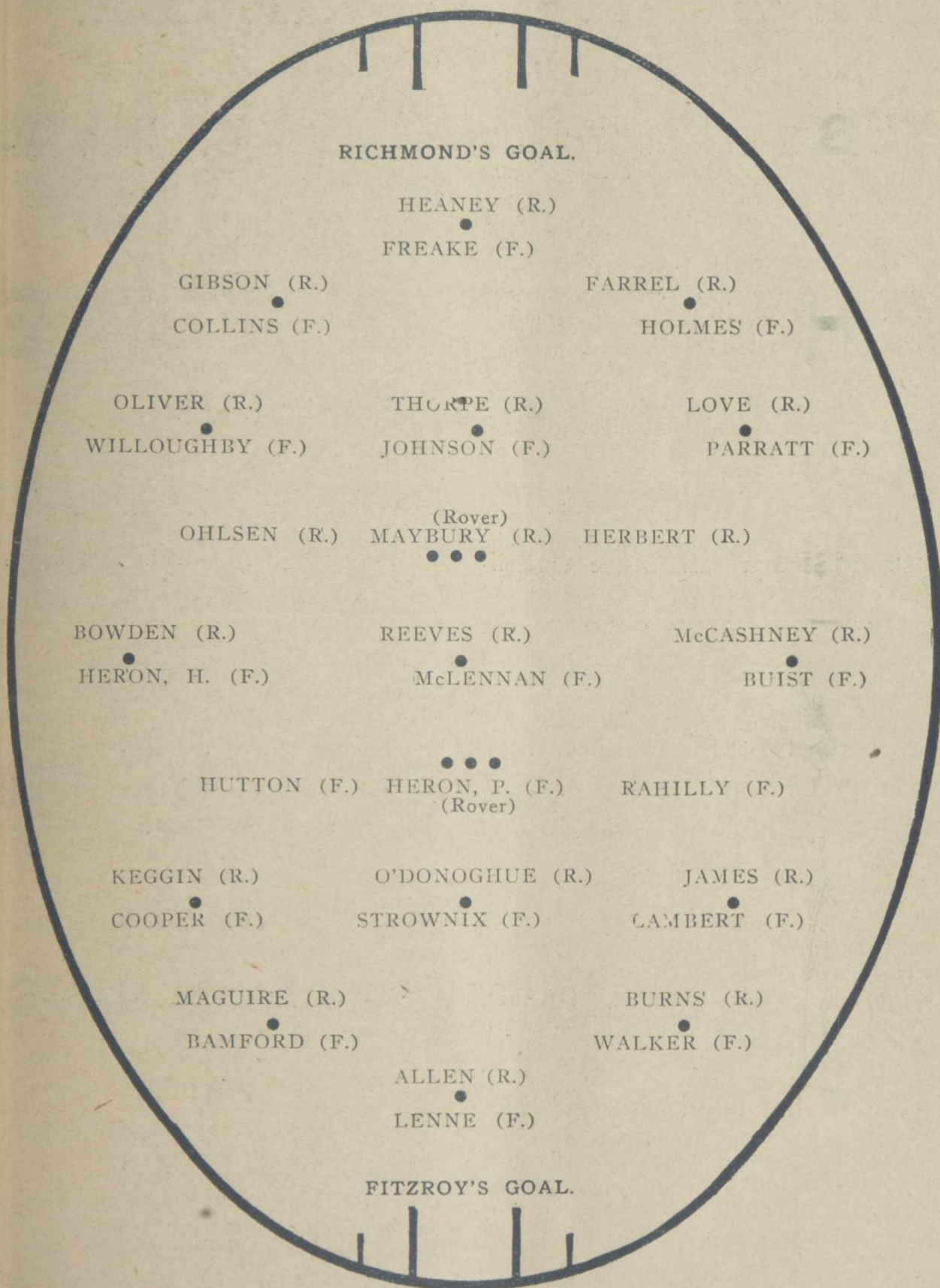
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By "Chatterer."

Fitzroy is anxious to secure Mathieson, who played for Carlton. Rahilly says that he is determined to go back to Ballarat.

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"How's the leg, Pat?" I asked Paddy O'Shea, as he was plodding along the street a day or two ago. "Not too good," was the reply.

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Dan Hanley was as fine a player as any man on the East Melbourne ground, and better than most. By the way, he received heaps of free kicks.

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One of the big faults of Jim Marchbank in the first half of the Carlton-Essendon game was the number of free kicks that were given against him.

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Remarkably fine play in defence of their respective strongholds was shown in the last quarter by Capt. Wells (Carlton) and Capt. Belcher (Essendon).

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It is a big thing to say, but George Anderson was the only man in form on the Collingwood side at St. Kilda. The magpies were a long way below form.

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A blooming little flower on the wing was Primrose of the 'Varsity team, in the match against Richmond. Of Shelley, too, it may be said that his forward play was poetic.

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The hero of the hour at St. Kilda was Sellars. His six goals against Collingwood drew the crowd towards him, and he received an ovation on returning to the pavilion.

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Dave Ryan, of Collingwood, has been limping during the week. One of his toes has been troublesome, and a troublesome toe is good for neither footballer nor policeman.

The order in which the goals came at East Melbourne: — Gardiner, Kirby, Green, Kirby, Caine, Walker, Green, Green, Gardiner, Gardiner, Cameron, Martin, Cameron, L. Armstrong.

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One of the prominent men in a leading club is highly indignant about the inclusion in the team of a one-time prominent player who is not as fine a footballer as he was in days gone by.

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South Melbourne's half backs continue to show good form. Scobie and Grimshaw again did the lion's share in defence, and it is doubtful if any team possesses a better pair in that department.

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Doig was an excellent man in the centre for University against Richmond, but the star performer was Jack Brake, who was in wonderfully fine form in the ruck and amazingly grand and effective back.

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Recognising that money is a handy thing to have about the house, the committee and members of the South Melbourne club presented Joe Prince with a cheque for £5/5/- after last Saturday's match, as a wedding gift.

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"The Australian game is the hardest in the world to umpire. I once umpired a wharf labourers' charity match, and from that day umpires have had my sympathy."—Mr. W. Strickland, at the League umpire's smoke concert.

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Frank Caine made his debut with Essendon against his old team. Billy Payne was told off to watch him in the absence of Dick, who would have been the guardian if he were playing. Caine scored one goal from a difficult angle, but missed the sixer with an easier shot.

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Worle, the Collingwood District lad, made a satisfactory appearance with Essendon. Tom Clancy beat Kirkwood in the first half, and Belcher sent the ex-Fitzroyite half-forward and set Worle against Clancy, with good results.

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McHale had to play second fiddle to Pierce at St. Kilda. Collingwood's skipper could not do anything right, and was clean off his game. Young Gray, on his first appearance, created a favourable impression.

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Chalmers received a wipe over the face during the match against Carlton. It was an accident, however, and the howls of a section of the crowd were an unjustifiable expenditure of hot air that could be more usefully employed in sending up advertising balloons.

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Richmond have secured an acquisition in Allen, who formerly played for Preston. He bagged a couple of sixers on Saturday, and showed much cleverness near the goal. Keggins also got two

sixers and played consistently, but the majority of the cracks had a day off.

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Saturday's walloping of Collingwood by St. Kilda recalls to mind the defeat of the magpies in June, 1908, by the Saints—12.11 to 5.12. In that year St. Kilda finished third with Collingwood. The tricolours were beaten by Carlton in the semi-final on that memorable wet day.

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Collingwood's forwards were all at sea at St. Kilda. Rarely indeed have the 'Woodsmen been so poorly represented in that department as on Saturday. Dick Lee's presence in the team will be gladly welcomed by supporters. Dick has been training during the week, and reports his leg O.K.

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Caldwell, Tandy and Mullaly formed a powerful centre line for South last week. The former is in rare trim this season, and has beaten his opponents in every match so far. Russick, the Leopold recruit, marred an otherwise fine game by poor shooting for goal. He should have had at least three or four sixers to his credit.

If it were left to a vote—A for umpires, B for barrackers—on the referendum as to which class was the more musical, I know which would win. "Who?" you ask. Why, the umpires. They say very little at football, whereas

tenor, demanding to be let fall like a soldier, with his heart expanding for the ball, and McColl's imitations were exceedingly clever, ranging from the noise made by a mosquito to the blatting of a calf—a wide variety. When he



W. Eicke, St. Kilda's Versatile Player.

the barracker roars himself hoarse. On Monday night the umpires gave a musical entertainment, and it was most enjoyable and surprisingly classy. W. Bremner and Billy Davies sang like operatic artists in a duet. H. Gray went up into the high notes with his silvery

came to the calf it reminded one of some dejected barracker for a losing side-reviling an umpire.

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Fred. Fontaine lent a hand in the entertainment, if I may so put it, by singing about the Bandolero, the heroic

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Tomkins has developed into one of the best rovers in the League, though much of his cleverness is of no value to his side, owing to a desire to do too much "on his own." Hendrie's following, as is usual with him, left little to be desired. Most of the red legs, however, were below par.

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The Heron brothers, tried for the first time by 'Roy last Saturday, proved welcome additions to the team. The wonder is how one, Percy, who roved really well, came to be overlooked in the first two matches. Fitzroy have to thank Fitzroy Juniors for supplying these two promising lads. Their crack goal-kick, Freake, also came from the local juniors.

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Joe Slater and Lal McLennan gave the spectators at Fitzroy a rare treat on Saturday. They played fine breezy football. The Geelong man had the best of the duels in the earlier stages of the game, whilst the ex-Fitzroy captain had most to say in the concluding portions. Slater tried to run too much, but his kicking was superb.

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Geelong marked grandly against the maroons and kicked like champions, but when it came to ground play they were

outclassed. Healy played nicely on one wing, Martini was easily the best of the forwards, whilst some dashing defence work was credited to Brownlee, Gray and L. Armstrong. George Heinz and Bill Eason did lots of clever things, but the captain's shooting for goal was all astray.

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Had Carlton included the local lad, J. Chalmers, in its team last season, the cheers of Saturday would not have been louder than they were. The difference would have been that they would have come from Carltonian throats. As it was, the welkin was rung by Essendonian songsters, for the boy was bravely upholding the red and black banner against the blues. Essendon is proud of its plucky, speedy, clever little wing man.

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Mr. L. Thompson, as a member of the permit and umpire committee, was present as a guest of the League Umpires' Association on Monday night. He advised the umpires to pay heed to the chairman of the umpire committee rather than to outside critics, and told the company how difficult it was to satisfy a club in the choice of umpires. On one occasion he induced the players in his team to write the name of the umpire who would satisfy them in a forthcoming match. The result was that they voted for 14!

THE LATEST GOSSIP.

Schofield takes Rankin's place in Geelong's team to-day.

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Kelly has been included in 'Varsity's 18 to-day. Walker will probably stand down.

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Richmond are satisfied with last Saturday's team for to-day's battle with Fitzroy.

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St. Kilda's final 18 will not be chosen until this afternoon. Cumberland and Hansen are almost certain to be played.

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Collingwood will play Seddon, Mutch, Minogue and Prendergast to-day. Sharp, V. Jackson, Lumsden and Gray are standing down.

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Bower will play centre for South Melbourne to-day, whilst Mullaly will go up amongst the forwards. G. Deas has been omitted.

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W. Johnson (an old Essendon player), Dick, Gotz and McGregor will play for Carlton in place of Payne, Green (injured ankle), Johnson and O'Donnell.

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Melbourne will play Cope on the wing to-day in Robertson's place. Odgers is again in his old place half-back, and Flintoft will be played on the forward lines.

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Pat Shea and Fred Baring will take the field for Essendon to-day. Caine and Kirkwood are standing down. The latter was injured in last Saturday's match.

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Shaw, Fitzroy's wingster, injured the muscles of his back last Saturday, and is unable to take the field. H. Heron will play on the wing, and Collins, another Fitzroy Junior, will be given a chance forward.

Highest Number of Goals in a Match by Any One Player.

J. Hutchinson, playing for Footscray against North Melbourne, at North Melbourne, in June, 1908, got 16 goals in the match. Next best performances are:—D. McNamara, Essendon against Preston, 1911, 14; F. Caine, North Melbourne against Preston, 1910, 12.

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Largest Attendances.

League.—50,261, at final match between Carlton and Essendon, at M.C.G., 1908. £1776/2/- was taken at the gates.

Association.—41,000, at final game between Brunswick and Footscray, at M.C.G., 1908.

N.S.W.—Rugby Union rules, 52,000, New South Wales v. New Zealand, at Sydney Cricket Ground.

Scotland.—British Association, 127,307, at the Hampden Park, Glasgow, 23rd March, 1912, England v. Scotland; takings, £5198.

Highest Rugby Gate Receipts.—South Africa v. Wales, at Swansea, 1906, £2879. New Zealand v. Wales, at Cardiff, £2651.

Dimensions of League Grounds.

The dimensions of the League grounds are as under:—Melbourne, 186 yds. by 168 yds.; South Melbourne, 189 yds. by 154 yds.; Carlton, 190 yds. by 170 yds.; East Melbourne, 187 yds. by 147 yds.; Fitzroy, 170 yds. by 155 yds.; Richmond, 168 yds. by 148 yds.; Collingwood, 149 yds. by 156 yds.; St. Kilda, 186 yds. by 154 yds.; Geelong, 190 yds. by 151 yds.

Longest Kicks.

Place Kick.—Dave McNamara, 84 yards, at St. Kilda Ground, 3rd April, 1909; P. Ellin, 75 yards, St. Kilda Ground, April, 1909; H. Lever, 72 yards, St. Kilda Ground, 1909; C. Robbins, 69 yards 2 feet, Upper Reserve, Bendigo, 24th May, 1900.

Place Kick, Rugby.—74 yards, E. Doyle, August, 1903, Ireland. J. Angus, 71 yards, Sydney, April, 1892.

Highest Number of Goals in a Season by Any One Player.

Dave McNamara (Essendon Association), 1911, 81 goals. Next best performances are F. Caine (North Melbourne), 1910, 70; J. Hutchinson (Footscray), 1908, 68; J. Hutchinson (Richmond), 1907, 67; A. J. Thurgood (Essendon, League), 1901, 64; A. J. Thurgood (Essendon, League), 1900, 63; R. Lee (Collingwood), 1909, 58; R. Lee (Collingwood), 1910, 58; R. Lee (Collingwood), 1908, 54.

LEAGUE FIXTURES AND RESULTS.

APRIL 27.

Richmond 7.11 v. St. Kilda 6.10.
Carlton 9.16 v. Geelong 4.7.
Essendon 17.14 v. University 6.6.
South Melbourne 7.5 v. Fitzroy 4.10.
Melbourne 9.14 v. Collingwood 5.9.

MAY 4.

Essendon 10.10 v. Collingwood 6.17.
Carlton 9.10 v. Fitzroy 5.11.
Richmond 5.8 v. South Melbourne 2.23.
Melbourne 10.8 v. University 8.12.
Geelong 13.15 v. St. Kilda 6.11..

MAY 11.

University 9.9 v. Richmond 6.12.
Essendon 8.11 v. Carlton 6.14.
St. Kilda 12.21 v. Collingwood 4.12.
South Melbourne 6.18 v. Melbourne 3.4.
Fitzroy 7.14 v. Geelong 5.6.

MAY 18.

Essendon v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
Richmond v. Fitzroy, at Richmond.
University v. St. Kilda, at M.C.G.
Melbourne v. Geelong, at Geelong.
Carlton v. Collingwood, at Carlton.

MAY 25.

Collingwood v. Richmond, at C'wood.
Melbourne v. Carlton, at M.C.G.
Essendon v. Geelong, at E.M.C.G.
St. Kilda v. Sth. Melb., at St. Kilda.
Fitzroy v. University, at Fitzroy.

JUNE 1.

Carlton v. St. Kilda, at Carlton.
Richmond v. Essendon, at Richmond.
Sth. Melb. v. University, at M.C.G.
Melbourne v. Fitzroy, at Fitzroy.
Geelong v. Collingwood, at Geelong.

JUNE 3.

Geelong v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
University v. Collingwood, at C'wood.
Carlton v. Richmond, at Carlton.
Melbourne v. Essendon, at M.C.G.
Fitzroy v. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda.

JUNE 8.

Melbourne v. Richmond, at M.C.G.
St. Kilda v. Essendon, at E.M.C.G.
Collingwood v. Fitzroy, at Collingwood.
Carlton v. Sth. Melb., at Carlton.
Geelong v. University, at Geelong.

JUNE 15.

Geelong v. Richmond, at Richmond.
Collingwood v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
Melbourne v. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda.
Carlton v. University, at M.C.G.
Fitzroy v. Essendon, at Fitzroy.

JUNE 22.

St. Kilda v. Richmond, at Richmond.
Carlton v. Geelong, at Geelong.
Essendon v. University, at M.C.G.

Fitzroy v. Sth. Melb., at Fitzroy.
Melb. v. Collingwood, at Collingwood.

JUNE 29.

Richmond v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
Geelong v. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda.
Fitzroy v. Carlton, at Carlton.
Collingwood v. Essendon, at E.M.C.G.
University v. Melbourne, at M.C.G.

JULY 6.

Victoria v. Sth. Australia, at M.C.G.

JULY 13.

University v. Richmond, at Richmond.
Carlton v. Essendon, at Carlton.
Collingwood v. St. Kilda, at C'wood.
Sth. Melb. v. Melb., at M.C.G.
Fitzroy v. Geelong, at Geelong.

JULY 20.

Essendon v. Sth. Melb., at E.M.C.G.
Richmond v. Fitzroy, at Fitzroy.
University v. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda.
Melbourne v. Geelong, at M.C.G.
Carlton v. Collingwood, at Collingwood.

JULY 27.

Collingwood v. Richmond, at Richmond.
Melbourne v. Carlton, at Carlton.
Essendon v. Geelong, at Geelong.
St. Kilda v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
Fitzroy v. University, at M.C.G.

AUGUST 3.

Carlton v. St. Kilda, at St. Kilda.
Richmond v. Essendon, at E.M.C.G.
Sth. Melb. v. University, at Sth. Melb.
Melbourne v. Fitzroy, at M.C.G.
Geelong v. Collingwood, at C'wood.

AUGUST 10.

Victoria v. Sth. Australia, at Adelaide.
League v. Ballarat and Bendigo, at
Melbourne Cricket Ground.

AUGUST 17.

Geelong v. Sth. Melb., at Geelong.
University v. Collingwood, at M.C.G.
Carlton v. Richmond, at Richmond.
Melbourne v. Essendon, at E.M.C.G.
Fitzroy v. St. Kilda, at Fitzroy.

AUGUST 24.

Melbourne v. Richmond, at Richmond.
St. Kilda v. Essendon, at St. Kilda.
Collingwood v. Fitzroy, at Fitzroy.
Carlton v. Sth. Melb., at Sth. Melb.
Geelong v. University, at M.C.G.

AUGUST 31.

Geelong v. Richmond, at Geelong.
Collingwood v. Sth. Melb., at C'wood.
Melbourne v. St. Kilda, at M.C.G.
Carlton v. University, at Carlton.
Fitzroy v. Essendon, at E.M.C.G.

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